



FASTEST DAILY JETS TO EUROPE

IN TRANSIT NIGERIA AIRWAYS

Date 5.9.63

Dear John,

Now on the way to Nigeria, for a few days of sunshine, provided I'm not departed earlier. Having spent most of last year on an excellent scive, I had to spend the summer at College trying to get a qualification and submitted my project report the day before I left. Did you get a degree? Did that ruddy Welsh room mate?

With great reluctance I got rid of my heap of rusty old scrap metal (i.e. Tony's old M.G. 1 for £25, making £15 deterioration in one year - can't complain. Cashed my £10,000 pounds worth of premium bonds, stocks & shares, war bonds (tho' I still have my invisible assets), paid off the

broke-maker & have £30 to my name. How's the betting been going this summer? and cricket and what job are you going to do, where? and Smis - is he still a circulation?

I was in Chate for precisely one day last week but didn't see anyone apart from Mr. & Mrs. Raulford - off to give

The illustrious city of Birmingham has services, but - off of her

Now strapped into a parachute, breathing thro' a snorkel, & crossing the Sahara in a Boeing 707. Apart from the view it's like a very comfortable, non-bumpy, bus ride. I've never violated any airspace before, but with the exception of take-off, which is like acceleration in a fast motorbike, it's not particularly exciting. We had a good push-up (over the Mediterranean - A courses and all that), I am beginning to think this voluntary service overseas is not such a bad last. For a start at staves off work for another year.

Give my regards to the lads - Dave Holey, Graham Guthrie, etc. Do you see anything of Rosemary these days? If so, how's the sea life - if not, how's the sea life? I've been attempting to lead a young Roman Catholic into sin, but with negligible success, for about 10 months. I gave up trying a week last Wednesday.

Henley this year was not much of a (rowing) success for me as I was concerned, but Dave Lathwa stroked University of London, to a win in the top event & both he & Arnold Cooke represented the country in the European Championships.

I think it's football & cricket for me here forth - sports where it's possible to be seen without serious loss of form.



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* Have a change of birds. Fanta plus lemon is not possible to use; even tho' the cabin is pressurised - its equivalent to 6631 ft 6 3/4 inches of altitude - in fact everything's pressurised, even the sandwiches served for tea were pressurised & the little containers of milk exploded on opening. Enough of this - to business. Have you been doing any serious drinking recently? The gallon. In due for a

night in Nigeria beer soon; apparently there is a local brew tho' I can't believe it will be draught. Going to start a boat club on the Niger & breed bats in my spare time [I said 'breed', not go] - apparently there's a big market for bat broth. And shoot crocodiles & sell their teeth as aphrodisiacs.

12.9.63

Today is my first (week) anniversary in Nigeria. Life is very reasonable. We (me & 4 other silly idiots) got fairly pee-ed on our first night of arrival, by drinking

4 pints of Nigerian brewed lagers - a bit fizzy and impossible to drink fast but quite okay. It tends to be rather hot (the weather & the beer) which has the twofold effect of producing sweat & extreme randy-ness? Everybody here's randy - even the women, so his toll. Trouble is the clap is prevalent.

Teaching, which is my real job, begins on Monday at the local Technical College*. There are a grand total of 4 people in Electrical Engineering Dept. so I'll be taking about 25 periods a week, roughly 20 > excess of my limitations. What the hell anyway - I can't be worse than nobody at all. // Do you reckon I have criminal features by the way. At the airport I was asked whether I had any cigarettes, watches, drugs, ammunition or seed. I declared one apple, but they let me through. Another bloke brought a cine camera and they wanted £23 duty - a purely arbitrary figure, made up by the customs officer (on the spot) (strange resemblance to Broad Damban). Anyway drop the odd line to

* Government Technical Institute, ENUGU, Eastern Nigeria -
e keep me informed of the scenery suitable to Christen night life.
Cheers, Mike Colledge